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June 13, 1973

Rev. Arthur R. Cazeault
Pastor, Metropolitan Community Church
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290 f Westminster Street
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Dear Art:

Please forgive me for not writing much sooner--in fact, I have now received three pieces of correspondence from you since my return to San Diego, and only now have I managed to catch up with my correspondence pile that was built up in my absence. At any rate. . .

I think the idea of a church in Provincetown with Saturday evening services--sort of a Summer Place--is a wonderful idea. Actually, Art, I appreciate you and Larry consulting with me about this; but it is well within the province of your District Coordinator, Paul Breton to aid you in making this and other related decisions concerning Mission activity. But it certainly makes sense--and should probably be a joint effort among you, Larry and Karen to service the group and make it work! So, all signals are GO!

Your letter in which you report on the growth and development of your Providence Mission is noteworthy. Apparently, you are being well-received, and are offering the Brothers & Sisters of Providence something of merit. Congratulations! I shall look forward to an early charter date for your Mission as a Church. Hopefully, this would take place before the District Conference--or, I should say, General Conference in Atlanta--so that you attend same as a Church in good standing.

Anent the matter of Penny. In view of the fact that you have discussed it with here; that she is not any way offended, and would rather remain in Boston--by all means take the action, and get it over with. Just a few notes relative to the use of terminology. In your letter of June 7, you mention your "vestry". Good Episcopalian terminology, love. In MCC, we call it a church board--which missions do not officially have. Please refer to your Constitution and By-laws.

The time has come when you want to be doing some of the following things:

1. Get greater "lay" participation in your worship services and activities.
2. Reach out to the broader community by planning "social" activities--fun things--which can also be profitable for the church.
3. Challenge your membership to a tithing program. Your offerings in relation to your attendance are poor on a per capita basis, as I'm sure you know. Don't hesitate to appeal to them, and get a pledge

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system instituted as soon as you can (good timing would probably be when you are chartered and thus automatically assume some financial responsibilities to the Fellowship.)

Naturally, I'm sorry that I was not able to be in Providence and Manchester on my recent trip--unfortunately, there is never enough time to do the many things we'd like to do.

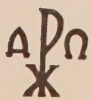
A thought just occurred to me that if you folks would make plans for Charter on or about the end of August (Sunday before Atlanta Conference), it might well be possible for me to travel to Atlanta via Boston, and participate in your Charter services and represent the Board of Elders--but only if you would like that! Lot's of time to think about it.

I am enclosing the copy of THE PRODIGAL (and will see that you are on the mailing list for future editions) which contains the sermon in response to THE PLAIN TRUTH article. This is a direct transcription from the tape of the sermon as it was originally preached here in San Diego.

God bless you and your beautiful companion. Keep up the good work. Please be patient with me when you write. Also, keep me posted on how Larry is developing to find a resolution to his personal problems. I love that child, and have such great hopes for him--and would like to have more time to explore the deep-seated "anger" that is down inside himself clawing its way out.

With great love, in Christ,

sRev. John H. Hose



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290 Westminster Street
Providence, Rhode Island- Suite 613
May 30, 1973

The Universalist Church
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Mr. Arthur Blake
Crown & Anchor Hotel
Commercial Street
Provincetown, Massachusetts

Dear Arthur,

Meeting you this past weekend was a very enjoyable experience.
Your kindness and interest was greatly appreciated.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have run into some difficulty
in securing permission to use the Universalist Church on Commercial
Street. Subsequently we will not have an answer until
Thursday June 21, 1973, which is the reason for a hold up in
finalizing our plans.

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